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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Doug Jensen, Senior Reclamation Specialist *D. Jensen*

RE: Site Inspection, American Cometco, Inc., Etna Mine, S/021/009, Iron County, Utah

Date of Inspection: July 16, 2002  
Time of Inspection: 10:45 a.m.  
Conditions: Clear and Sunny  
Participants: Doug Jensen, DOGM

**Purpose of Inspection:** In the area and needed to familiarize myself with the site and location.

#### Getting to the site:

The site is located approximately 13 miles North of Modena. A dirt road leading to the site is located ~2 miles West of Modena. The road to the site is marked with a BLM sign that notes that the road leads to Gold Springs. The mine is located ~8 miles from the highway.

#### Observations:

This site is an old mine site with several outbuildings and loading chute. There is also a small waste dump located on the hillside immediately below the shaft. There is a shaft located at the site, which does not have any warning signage or fencing to warn anyone of its presence. There is also a sinkhole located northwest of the shaft, and because brush and trees surround this area, it presents a definite safety hazard at the site.

Overall the site appears to be stable with no signs of any erosion or degradation due to weathering. Photos were taken of the site.

#### Conclusions and Recommendations:

The shaft and the sinkhole at the site needs to be fenced and signs placed to warn people that these hazardous features exist at the site.

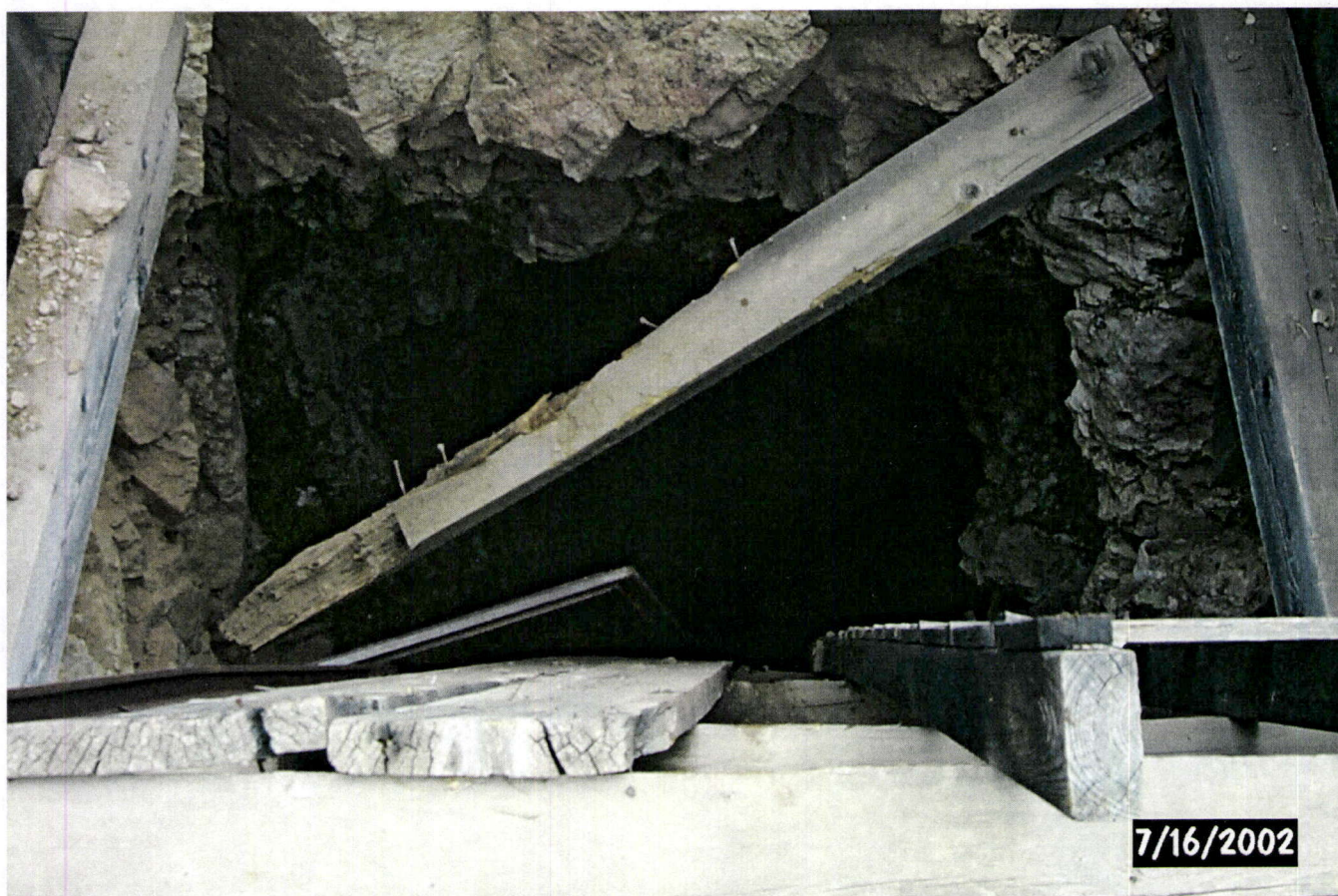
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cc: Jerry Glazier, American Cometco, Inc.  
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UNFENCED SHAFT







SINKHOLE





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